



# Chapter 172

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## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

### **April 16: 9:00 am: EAA 172 Member Gathering, Nodorft Home**

Guest Speaker: Al Nodorft on his homebuild project  
Lunch will be at local restaurant (TBD)

### **April 28, 6:30 pm: EAA 172 Member Eat-Out**

Beamie's at the River, 865 Reynolds Street, Augusta, GA

### **May 7, 10:00am: Clubhouse Cleanup Day, Pea Patch**

### **May 14, 10:00 am: EAA 172 Young Eagles Event**

### **May 26, 6:30 pm: EAA 172 Member Eat-Out**

## Have you paid your dues yet?

Our annual membership dues are only \$30. Your dues help cover our chapter insurance and other fixed costs. Please show your support for our mission – to educate the public about aviation. If you have not yet paid, please bring your dues to our member gathering or mail a check payable to “EAA Chapter 172” to Sandy Walther, 2220 Gregory Lake Rd, North Augusta, SC 29860.

## Looking for missing book

Tom Patton had donated a rare copy of his father's biography to our chapter library. There are others who wish to read this book. If you have borrowed it, please contact Tom (706-231-0775) and return the book soon to our Pea Patch clubhouse.

## Clubhouse Cleanup

Dorothy Parker wrote a poem “Epitaph for a Darling Lady” which ends with the line “She is happy, for she knows / That her dust is very pretty”. Our clubhouse dust isn't very pretty. So your board members have decided....

It's time for spring cleaning at our Clubhouse! There are several small maintenance chores and overall sprucing up tasks we need to do. Let's gather Saturday morning on May 7<sup>th</sup> for a few hours. We will provide sandwiches and drinks for all who come to work.

## March Meeting Recap

During our March meeting, we discussed the pros and cons of “Living in an Airpark”. We agreed the benefits are being able to watch airplanes from your breakfast table, the ease of going flying at the drop of a hat, and having neighbors who also love aviation. The challenges tend to arise from inevitable disagreements from a community of “Type A” individuals, complex HOA rules, and difficulties when non-aviation folks move in. All airparks are different. The best way to get a feel for a particular airpark is to talk to your potential neighbors. Or, you could build your own runway if you have enough land and clearance. Just be prepared for mowing duty!

To find your dream airpark, check the list published at <https://livingwithyourplane.com>.

## April meeting preview

Al Nodorft will be showing his latest build project. We will meet at the Nodorft workshop at 5013 High Meadows Drive in Grovetown at 9:00AM.

## April Eat Out



It may be Mexican, German, or good ole American food, but our aviation socials are a great way to connect with like-minded folks interested in aviation! If you are not currently attending these monthly gatherings, you are missing out! Come join us at our next one, which is scheduled for Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at Beamie’s on the River, 865 Reynolds Street, Augusta, GA. Beamie’s has great seafood, sandwiches and burgers.

If you have questions or have not already confirmed, please contact Sheila Connell at 803-279-7250.



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Be careful out there, folks!

## SC Breakfast Club Schedule

Date	City	Airport Name	Unicom	Airport ID
April 3	Bishopville, SC	Lee County - Butters Field	122.9	<u>52J</u>
April 10	CANCELLED	Holly Hill	CANCELLED	<u>5J5</u>
April 24	Ehrhardt, SC	Broxton Bridge Plantation	122.9	<u>SC55</u>
May 1	Rock Hill, SC	Rock Hill (York Co) - Bryant Field	123.05	<u>KUZA</u>
May 15	Manning, SC	Palmetto Air Plantation	122.8	<u>SC41</u>
May 29	Columbia, SC	Jim Hamilton/LB Owens (Columbia Downtown)	123.075	<u>KCUB</u>
June 12	Greenwood, SC	Greenwood County	122.975	<u>KGRD</u>

## Other Upcoming Events

- Apr 2-3: Uncle John's Flyin at Triple Tree Aerodrome, Woodruff, SC
- Apr 5-10: Sun-N-Fun Aerospace Expo, Lakeland, FL (<https://flsynf.org>)
- Apr 9-10: Joint Base Charleston Air Expo, Charleston, SC
- Apr 16: Shaw Air Expo, Sumter, SC (<https://www.sumtersc.gov/event/shaw-air-expo>)

## Free advertising!

Do you have stuff in your hangar that you would like to clear out and make a few bucks? Do you have some aviation books or supplies that you will never need again?

Do you want to get it advertised in next month's newsletter? Send your list of stuff WITH prices to Sandy Walther at [sandywalther@yahoo.com](mailto:sandywalther@yahoo.com)

## Identify this Airplane

Last month's image was of a BD5-J Microjet. **FLS Microjet** (Flight-Line-Series) is an improved version of the **BD-5J**. It has been designed and marketed as a kit by **BD-Micro Technologies** (BMT). You may have seen it at numerous airshows and in the famous James Bond movie Octopussy.

Below is a picture of an unusual aircraft. Just for fun, see if you can identify it. The answer will be revealed in the next newsletter.



### WHERE TO FIND US:

EAA172 meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at several locations around Augusta, GA throughout the year. However, our primary meeting place is at our chapter clubhouse on Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA) in Blythe, GA. Take Route 1 toward Blythe, turn south at the Citgo/Quik Mart station onto Bath-Edie Road. At the first intersection, turn right onto Patterson Road and follow ¼ mile. Make a left turn onto Boulineau Road (across from the Rec Center) and drive 1 mile. The entrance to Pea Patch is on your right. The clubhouse is at the end of a row of hangars next to the grass strip, just south of the windsock.



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